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SUBJECT: FRUTKIN TO MANNIELLO LETTER

ROME FOR SCIATT

1. NASA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ARNOLD W. FRUTKIN HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO PASS FOLLOWING LETTER
SO THAT IT MAY REACH POST BY OCTOBER 15.

2. QUOTE. DEAR JOHN: I AM DEEPLY EMBARRASSED AT THE LONG DELAY
IN RESPONDING TO YOUR LETTER SUGGESTING VISITS TO ROME BY
NASA PERSONNEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIEFING EMBASSY OFFICIALS.
THE PRESS OF EVENTS ATTENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPACELAB
AGREEMENTS AND MY TAKING LEAVE INTERRUPTED THE FLOW OF CORRES-
PONDENCE HERE FOR A BIT.

3. QUOTE. WE CERTAINLY WILL WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO GIVE
THE EMBASSY A GOOD PICTURE OF NASA POLICIES, EFFORTS AND PLANS,
AS YOU SUGGEST. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NASA PEOPLE WHO FIND
OCCASION TO BE IN EUROPE ON ONE SPECIFIC EFFORT OR ANOTHER
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THROUGH THE YEAR. HOWEVER, WE WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT

TO EXTEND THEIR TIME AWAY FROM HOMEBASE BEYOND THAT REQUIRED FOR THEIR ASSIGNMENTS UNLESS THEY ARE RATHER CLOSE TO ROME. ON THIS ACCOUNT, THEREFORE, OUR BEST BET IS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE YOUR PURPOSE BY WORKING ON THE BASIS OF VISITS TO OR THROUGH ITALY.

4. QUOTE. ANOTHER MAJOR CONSIDERATION IS TO ASSURE THAT YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH THE BREADTH AND STATURE TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF BRIEFING YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT. THIS MEANS THAT WE WOULD NOT AVAIL OURSELVES OF SOME OF THE TROOPS WHO MAY BE CLOSE TO YOUR ENVIRONS BUT ARE GENERALLY QUITE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENGINEERING OF A SINGLE PROJECT.

5. QUOTE. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE CONCERNED DURING A RECENT VISIT BY NASA PERSONNEL THAT YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED ADVANCE NOTICE OF THAT VISIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN FACT ADVANCE NOTICE HAD BEEN SENT TO YOUR OFFICE OF THAT SPECIFIC VISIT. THIS IS DONE RATHER ROUTINELY AND, INDEED, I'M AFRAID THAT WE WILL BE CALLING TO YOUR ATTENTION A GOOD DEAL OF ACTIVITY WHICH FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW WOULD HAVE ONLY NUTS AND BOLTS SIGNIFICANCE. A JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING IS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, SCHEDULED FOR ROME OCTOBER 17-19 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SAN MARCO C-2 AND UK-5 LAUNCHINGS FROM THE SAN MARCO RANGE. THIS IS ENTIRELY LIMITED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSUMATED AGREEMENTS AND PROCEEDS WITHIN A VERY NARROW FRAMEWORK, DIRECTED TOWARD HARWARE READINESS AND COMPATIBILITY. KIND REGARDS. ARNOLD W. FRUTKIN UNQUOTE.
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